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SUBJECT: FURTHER COMMENTS ON EC DISCUSSION OF MTN:  
EAST EUROPEANS IN THE MTN

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 8556; (B) BRUSSELS 8570

1. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBER STATE AND COMMISSION  
SOURCES DO NOT CHANGE OVERALL OUTCOME OF ARTICLE 113  
DISCUSSION ON JULY 22. ALL MEMBER STATES SUPPORTED THE  
IDEA OF A SPEEDUP IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. ON THE QUESTION  
OF TARIFFS AND EXCEPTIONS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GERMANS  
WERE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT AT THIS POINT THE IDEA OF A  
MODEST CUT WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS. GERMANS ARGUED THAT  
TARIFFS WITH EFTA COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO ZERO  
WITHOUT CAUSING A MAJOR PROBLEM AND THAT A SIGNIFICANT  
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MFN CUT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED JUST AS EASILY. APPARENTLY,  
THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION EITHER FROM  
COMMISSION OR MEMBER STATES.

2. IRISH AND BELGIANS LINKED ANY TARIFF CUT WITH AN  
IMPROVEMENT IN THE GATT SAFEGUARD CLAUSE. FRENCH  
REPORTEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION NEEDS TO

BE PAID IN THE MTN TO AERONAUTICS, COMPUTER, SHIPBUILDING AND STEEL INDUSTRIES BUT STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR SECTORAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANY OF THESE. FRENCH ALSO CAME DOWN HARD AGAINST A BIG TARIFF CUT AS BEING TOTALLY AT VARIANCE WITH CURRENT GOF CONCERNS.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIAL (PHAN VAN PHI) TOLD MISSION OFFICER JULY 25 THAT ONE SUBJECT NOT DISCUSSED WITH US OR MEMBER STATES RECENTLY CONCERNS ROLE OF EAST EUROPEANS IN THE MTN. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE KEEP THIS IN MIND AND GET TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ACHIEVE RECIPROCITY FROM THE EAST EUROPEANS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.  
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